

**DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> Update	Substitute No. _____
Sponsor: Ripp		Resolution No. 2021 RES-187
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-Thirds	

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (BLACK EARTH VALLEY FARMS, LLC)

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -
 Groundswell Conservancy has applied to the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program for financial assistance to purchase an Agricultural Land Easement on approximately 111 acres in the Town of Berry owned by Black Earth Valley Farms, LLC. The estimated project costs for the acquisition total \$503,866. The Dane County Park Commission recommends up to \$248,000 in county matching funds.

Current Policy or Practice -
 Conservation Grant awards require County Board approval.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -
 The easement would fill in a gap between existing publicly-owned lands, limit development and impervious surface along the creek and provide a needed link for the Black Earth Creek Trail. Under the easement, the property will continue to be used for agricultural purposes and any development would be restricted.

Fiscal Estimate:

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>	<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority
	Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital	\$248,000				Other				
Total	\$248,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

None.

Prepared By:

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